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Survivor relates tale of deadly fire

*Sposato recalls escape
from flames, smoke
of N.C. beach house*

Meg Kinnard
The Associated Press

Fallon Sposato awoke to a blaring alarm and smoke seeping into the first-floor bedroom of the beach house where she and 12 friends had been partying just hours earlier. With her lungs and eyes burning, she ran with her boyfriend through the smoke-filled house, assuming her friends were already outside.

“And then nobody else was out yet,” the second-year student recalled during an interview with The Associated Press on Tuesday.

Seven students died in the blaze. Six others made it out of the house in Ocean Isle Beach, N.C., into the arms of neighbors and rescue workers.

“We were all hysterical. They were holding us back, trying to get our friends,” said Sposato, a native of Orlando, Fla.

Many of those staying at the house were members of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity and Delta Delta Delta sorority, and some had attended high school together in Greenville.

Sposato said she and Walden, her roommate and sorority sister, joined the weekend getaway after scrapping a trip to Ohio. They picked the location closer to home, Sposato said, so the sorority members could be back on campus for initiation activities Sunday afternoon.

“Everybody just kind of needed a break from Columbia,” Sposato said.

The group caravanned up to the resort town after classes Friday, listening to music and swimming in a canal behind the house, she said. On Saturday, they went out to lunch and watched the Georgia-Florida game before grilling food on a patio under the house, which was on stilts, and getting ready to watch South Carolina take on Tennessee.

“We just had a good time,” Sposato said. Students were drinking alcohol at the house, but no illegal drugs were ever present, she said. “We were just hanging out and listening to music.”

The group partied into the early morning on the back deck. Sposato said she was the first to go to bed, turning in at 4:30 a.m. after calling her father to say she had lost her camera.

Several hours later, Sposato and her boyfriend, whom she declined to identify, awoke to the alarms, flames and smoke. Called by neighbors who saw the fire, emergency personnel were pulling up when she got out of the house, Sposato said. Several hours later, Sposato would learn her roommate was among the dead.

Another student who made it out of the burning house told ABC’s “Good Morning America” on Tuesday that he decided to jump into the canal behind the house to escape his smoke-filled upper-floor room.

“You knew you had to jump at some point; that was the only option,” Tripp Wylie said on the show.

Debbie Smith, mayor of

the resort community, has said investigators believe the fire was probably accidental and started in the rear of the house, either on or near a deck facing a canal. That side of the home appeared to be the most heavily damaged. Most of the victims were found in the home’s five bedrooms.

Sposato said the fire wasn’t a case of careless underage drinking or youthful irresponsibility.

“These are the most responsible of all of my friends,” she said. “This group was a solid group, and that’s why it’s just so unreal that this would happen.”

For now, Sposato said, all she and the other survivors can do is tell the story of the friends they lost. Besides Sposato and Wylie, those who made it out of the house are: Eugene Charles, 19; Katherine Auman, 21; Ashley Perdue, 18; and Andrew Rhea, 19.

“It’s just very unreal. It’s going to be hard for the six of us, because we lost seven of our closest friends,” she said, holding back tears. “But I guess we just have to keep going, and I think that’s the hardest part.”

Students continued to grieve at USC on Tuesday. Some paused to pray and gaze at handwritten notes of condolence left at a memorial.

The school’s football team announced plans to honor the victims by placing stickers on their helmets Saturday with the phrase “Forever to thee,” a line from the school’s alma mater.

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Mary Ann Chastain / The Associated Press

Fallon Sposato, 19, of Orlando, Fla., talks about her ordeal as one of the six survivors of the beach house fire in Ocean Isle Beach, N.C. which killed seven college students.

Less is more?

*Student senators propose cutting Senate membership
in half. This shows college representation.*

	Current (with 50)	With 25
College of Arts and Sciences	15	7 or 8
School of Business -	7	3 or 4
College of Education -	3	1 or 2
College of HRSM -	3	1 or 2
College of Mass Comm. and Info. Studies	4	2
College of Engineering	4	2
School of Law	2	1
School of Medicine	2	1
School of Music	2	1
College of Nursing	2	1
College of Pharmacy	2	1
School of Public Health	2	1
College of Social Work	2	1

Senate Quick Hits:

- Bill proposing Student Senate membership to be cut in half from 50 to 25 members postponed indefinitely
- Bill redefining finance committee membership to exclude minority quotas received first reading; will receive an amendment next week to reinstate quotas
- Athletics department commended for improving quality of student seating at home basketball games
- Resolution reflecting upon recent tragedy in Ocean Isle Beach, N.C.
- Pedro “Ben” Ortiz-Colon appointed to Constitutional Council

Senate proposes cutting numbers

*Senate discusses bills
to slash members by
half, remove quotas*

Brad Maxwell
STAFF WRITER

Senate membership was debated on all fronts Wednesday night as controversy surrounded two bills.

One proposed cutting senate membership in half, while the other wanted to eliminate minority quotas on the finance committee.

Sen. Lee Cole, a third-year political science student, proposed limiting Student Senate membership to 25 because senate attendance is typically around 30 members. The bill was postponed indefinitely.

“There isn’t enough interest in student government by the student body to support a 50-person senate,” Cole said.

As chair of the powers and responsibilities committee, Cole interviews students that

apply for vacant senate seats. According to Cole, there are currently no applications and a freshman was even appointed to senate for the first time because of the need for senators.

Thirty-six senate seats are currently filled, after five senators faced involuntary resignation Wednesday due to excessive absences. Those included Nick Nadorff, Kyle Valle, Dave Repp, Misha Beram and Andrew Collins.

The Medical School, School of Music and College of Social Work have no representatives.

Cole felt the limited number of seats would ensure dedicated senators were elected.

“Its not changing the way we allocate seats,” Cole said.

Sen. Carmel Matin, a second-year political science student, said that limiting senate seats would be counter-productive.

“We want to provide the most opportunities for people to serve. The more people we have to serve, the more people will rise to the

opportunity,” Matin said.

Cole said that he agrees with much of the student body in thinking that senate is a “joke.”

“We spend all of our time working on nonsense,” Cole said. “You can’t get down to issues when the system is so screwed up.”

Since the bill was tabled indefinitely and can only be brought to the floor with a two-thirds vote, Cole said he might propose similar bills limiting senate membership to 30 or 35.

A bill striking a section of the finance codes requiring one minority and one non-undergraduate student on the finance committee received its first reading.

Sen. David Ensor, a third-year political science student, brought the bill to the floor because he thought the quota was irrational.

“I’ve spent a lot of time thinking about it,” Ensor said. He said the bill was over a year in the making.

Ensor said he supported the intent of codes, which was to promote diversity

on senate, but noted “not even the minority affairs committee requires a minority student.”

He questioned how one minority representative was more capable of representing all minorities more than a group of white senators.

“I think these quotas are necessary, because it’s South Carolina,” said Sen. Ben Bullock, a third-year political science student, after the meeting.

Sen. Steve Smith, a fourth-year math student, said that quotas were not legal in the U.S. government.

An amendment will be proposed to the bill next week to require at least one minority or member of the minority affairs committee and at least one non-undergraduate student on the finance committee.

Ensor said he would not support the amendment.

“I think it perpetuates racism,” Ensor said.

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Researchers receive \$6 million grant for hemp, grape medicine alternatives

Hofseth, Nagarkatti work to combat MS, autoimmune disease

Travis Frayard
STAFF WRITER

Three Carolina researchers were recently awarded a \$6 million grant, delivered over five years, by the National Institute of Health to help fund their research on alternative medicines.

This grant is one of only three given out by the institute nationwide.

Prakash Nagarkatti, associate dean for basic science at the School of Medicine, his wife Mitzi Nagarkatti, chair of the department of pathology, microbiology and immunology, and Lorne Hofseth, an assistant professor in the S.C. College of Pharmacy, will each share the grant as they conduct research on different forms of autoimmune diseases.

Donald DiPette, dean of the School of Medicine, said he was proud of the team.

"The award of this prestigious center grant from the National Institutes of Health is a tremendous accomplishment for our university, the School of Medicine and the community," he said.

The grant will study complementary and alternative medicines, determining whether old wives' tales about medicine have any basis in science.

The alternative medicine industry is a \$25-30 billion dollar-a-year industry. With this grant, and others like it, NIH is now taking steps to ensure these alternative treatments that people are seeking out are safe.

"It's pretty cool," said Colton Sons, a first-year mechanical engineering student. "This is something that is viewed worldwide as a big deal."

The division with the NIH that studies alternative medicine is The National Center for Complementary and Alternative Medicine, whose mission, according to their Web site, is "to explore complementary and alternative healing practices in the context of rigorous science."

Prakash Nagarkatti said he is researching the uses for the chemical resveretrol, a compound in the skin of red grapes. Resveretrol has some anti-inflammatory properties that interest scientists.

What resveretrol does is "selectively kill off the cells that cause inflammation," says Prakash Nagarkatti. This is significant because many cardiovascular and neurological diseases, including multiple sclerosis, are caused by

inflammation.

To date, Prakash Nagarkatti's research has shown that "if you treat animals with resveretrol, you can completely stop them from getting" multiple sclerosis. However, he is quick to warn that "resveretrol is for prevention and treatment; it is not a cure."

Alongside Prakash Nagarkatti, his wife Mitzi Nagarkatti is working with a compound found in hemp in an attempt to come up with a treatment for autoimmune hepatitis.

"I don't agree with marijuana use for effects, but I see no problem using a compound extracted from it for the good of society," said Chris Elliott, a second-year economics student.

Mitzi Nagarkatti said autoimmune hepatitis is a condition wherein a "person's own immune systems attacks the liver, causing inflammation and liver cell death."

She said the only treatment currently available for autoimmune hepatitis is to give patients a combination of steroids that work to suppress the immune system. This is a broad treatment which may leave the patient very susceptible to disease, she said.

"We think that this is a better way to treat autoimmune hepatitis," she said.

She said her team believes that the compound found in hemp has the ability to selectively shut off the immune cells that are attacking the liver, thereby eliminating the need for potentially deadly steroids.

Hofseth plans to study the anti-inflammatory properties of American ginseng in treating colitis.

According to the Web site WebMD.com, colitis is "an acute or chronic inflammation of the membrane lining the colon" causing, among other things, abdominal pain, spasms, loss of appetite and fever.

The goal of his project is to use a chemical found in American ginseng to prevent and treat this inflammation, providing a safer means than is currently available to treat colitis.

By the time their five-year grant expires, they plan to have their respective projects begin phase one of clinical testing on human subjects.

"There are no drugs in the market that are very effective against autoimmune diseases," Prakash Nagarkatti said. His hope is that these projects will find chemicals that can change that fact.

"Our ultimate goal," he said, "is to find a cure."

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Alumni brave California fires with ailing daughter

Cafferty family faces hardships in receiving treatment in Mexico

Crissy Lavery
THE DAILY GAMECOCK

Brendan and Susan Cafferty, USC alumni and Columbia residents, experienced firsthand the California wildfires and experienced their own personal tragedy in the process.

The Caffertys both graduated from USC, Brendan Cafferty with a biology and marine science degree and Susan Cafferty with a music education degree.

Some students may be familiar with Professor Thomas Cafferty, Brendan Cafferty's father, a psychology professor who retired from USC last year.

The Caffertys have a 7-month-old daughter, Maggie, who was not breathing when she was born and has an unknown muscular disorder.

"There is no specific name for what she has," Brendan Cafferty said. "That's the frustrating thing with her."

Maggie lacks every cranial nerve function; she can't control her blinks or gag reflexes. She suffers from facial palsy, a lack of nerves in her face, her vocal cords don't work. She doesn't have much motor movement.

Their only hope for

helping her is stem cell therapy that is not available in the U.S.

"You won't find a doctor who will say 'Go do it' in the U.S.," Cafferty said. The procedure is not FDA-approved, and so they cannot recommend it.

After long hours on the Internet and of research, the Caffertys decided to take a trip to Mexico.

"We researched brain injuries for kids and found a family in Augusta who's gone three times and they say they see improvement," he said. "Our thought was [that] this family did that, and all these other countries do this, and we have the best country in the world and we aren't."

The Caffertys came across generous and willing people throughout their journey who gave them hope. Unfortunately, from the flight there to the time they came back, the trip was a struggle.

First, a rain storm delayed their flight into San Diego by an hour.

"Within that hour, Maggie started showing signs of respiratory distress and the nurse had to help her breathe until we landed," Brendan Cafferty said.

When they got off the plane, there were paramedics there to help Maggie to Rady Children's Hospital.

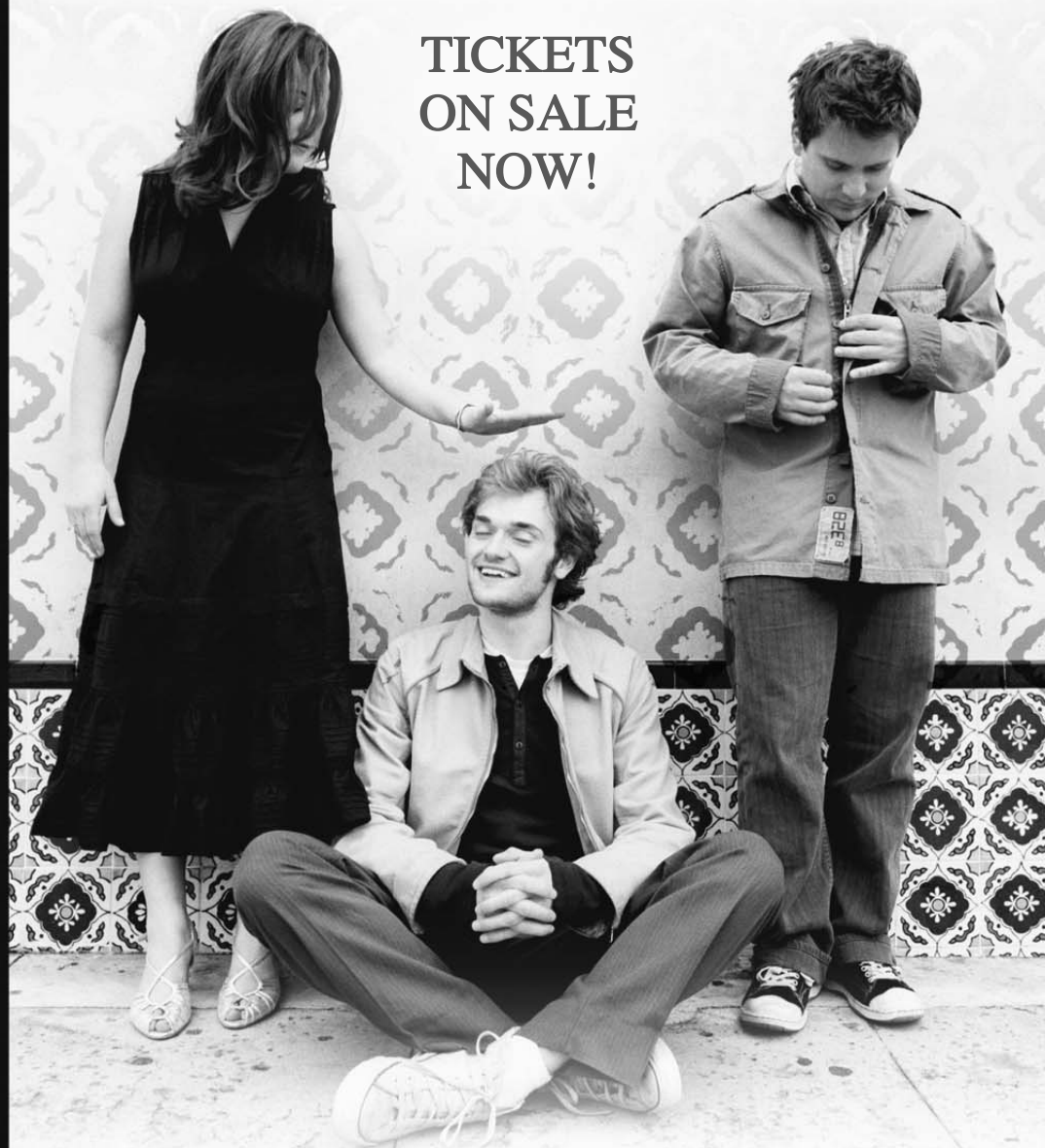
They treated Maggie for a staph infection she developed, giving her

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Crime Report

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 24

Financial transaction fraud, 12 p.m.

Russell House, 1400 Greene St.

Someone has been withdrawing money using the victim's ATM card at a Russell House ATM.

Estimated value: \$1406

Reporting officer: L. Diaz

TUESDAY, OCT. 30

Breach of trust, 6 p.m.

Russell House, 1400 Greene St.

University Bookstore employee David Alexander took the store van and bank deposit bag, containing \$350 and an unknown amount from a book signing. He returned the van, but not the money, police reported.

Reporting officers: W. Jones, J. Harrelson

Leaving the scene of an accident with property damage, 4 p.m.

Colonial Center, 801 Lincoln St.

Someone hit a university van.

Estimated damage: \$100

Reporting officer: W. Guyon

SUNDAY, OCT. 28

Petit larceny, 8 p.m.

Russell House, 1400 Greene St.

Someone took the "University of South Carolina" banner from the top of the map in front of the Russell House.

Estimated value: \$400

Reporting officer: W. Jones, J. Harrelson

MONDAY, OCT. 29

Malicious injury to real property, 9:30 p.m.

Delta Zeta House, 514 Lincoln St.

Someone spray painted Greek letters, "Sigma Alpha Epsilon," and the word "Lions" on the sidewalk. A tiger paw was painted on the sidewalk in front of the Kappa Sigma house.

Estimated damage: \$100

Reporting officer: A. Mitchell

Financial transaction theft, petit larceny, 1:45 p.m.

Blatt P.E. Center, 1328 Wheat St.

While the victim was working out, someone took his wallet from the locked locker. A credit card and a debit card were taken.

Estimated value: \$42

Reporting officer: W. Jones, J. Harrelson

—Compiled by Katie Jones

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antibiotics that left her in the hospital for a few nights.

The Caffertys decided to try to see some scenery and take a load off when, about 10 miles from San Diego, they noticed a cloud of smoke.

“No one knew about it yet, but smoke covered the area,” he said.

They went back to Maggie and stayed with her that night while literally watching the mountains catch fire.

“There was one over here, and over here, then one over there,” he said.

They were 30 miles away from the city but could easily see the.

The Caffertys knew they had to leave, but the next day the roads were closed to

the north and to the south. To the south was the path to Maggie’s treatment.

“We were stuck,” he said.

They called around trying to get a flight back.

“It was almost like a fog, but of ashes and smoke,” he said. “You could see it and smell it everywhere.”

They took an emergency flight home and made it back safe on Saturday morning around midnight.

The Caffertys want to try again next year, but they do not know what the future will bring. Medical transportation is expensive, and insurance will not cover anything, and most of all, they have to see how Maggie will be doing.

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California sex offenders declare themselves homeless

State having trouble tracking criminals who claim false status

Don Thompson
The Associated Press

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — Hundreds of California sex offenders who face tough new restrictions on where they can live are declaring themselves homeless — truthfully or not — and that’s making it difficult for the state to track them.

Jessica’s Law, approved by 70 percent of California voters a year ago, bars registered sex offenders from

living within 2,000 feet of a school or park where children gather. That leaves few places where offenders can live legally.

Some who have had trouble finding a place to live are avoiding re-arrest by reporting — falsely, in some cases — that they are homeless.

Experts say it is hard to monitor sex offenders when they lie about their address or are living day-to-day in cheap hotels, homeless shelters or on the street. It also means they may not be getting the treatment they need.

“We could potentially be making the world more dangerous rather than less

dangerous,” said therapist Gerry Blasingame, past chairman of the California Coalition on Sexual Offending.

Similar laws in Iowa and Florida have driven offenders underground or onto the streets.

“They drop off the registry because they don’t want to admit living in a prohibited zone,” said Corwin Ritchie, executive director of the association of Iowa prosecutors.

The organization tried unsuccessfully in the past two years to persuade lawmakers to repeal the state’s 2,000-foot residency restriction.

“Most legislators know

in their hearts that the law is no good and a waste of time, but they’re afraid of the politics of it,” Ritchie said.

The problem is worsening in Florida as about 100 local ordinances add restrictions to the state’s 1,000-foot rule, said Florida Corrections Department spokeswoman Gretl Plessinger. Sixteen homeless offenders are now living under a Miami bridge, while another took to sleeping on a bench outside a probation office.

“As society has imposed restrictions, it becomes almost impossible for them to find places to live,” Plessinger said.



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IN OUR OPINION

Senate’s latest antic causes more problems

It’s official: it’s time to commit the Senate.

The Student Senate proposed Wednesday night to slash their membership in half because of low participation and attendance rates. Sen. Lee Cole said he agrees with students that think the Senate spends too much time on pointless legislation.

While we may agree with Cole’s assertion that the Senate is mostly useless, we firmly believe that drastically cutting Senate membership would be harmful to all involved.

Each senator represents a number of students in their college. Under the proposed bill, a College of Arts and Sciences senator would be forced to represent 934 students each.

While we agree that the Senate is useless, we believe that cutting members is harmful.

With more than 25,000 students on our campus, it is foolhardy to believe that only 25 of them can represent the wishes of the whole. Sometimes it’s hard enough for a college student to even represent themselves, giving into the pressure of the majority.

A smaller senate would also ensure that a small club of people would control Student Government for an inordinate amount of time. Creating an oligopoly doesn’t help the students that need representation the most.

The senate has done some questionable things in the past, making students wonder if they really represent us, but this has to be the most outrageous. Why cut off another limb when you’re already hemorrhaging blood?

We’re glad most senators were smart enough to table the bill indefinitely.

And if they decide to pass it, they can always use our breakroom for meetings.

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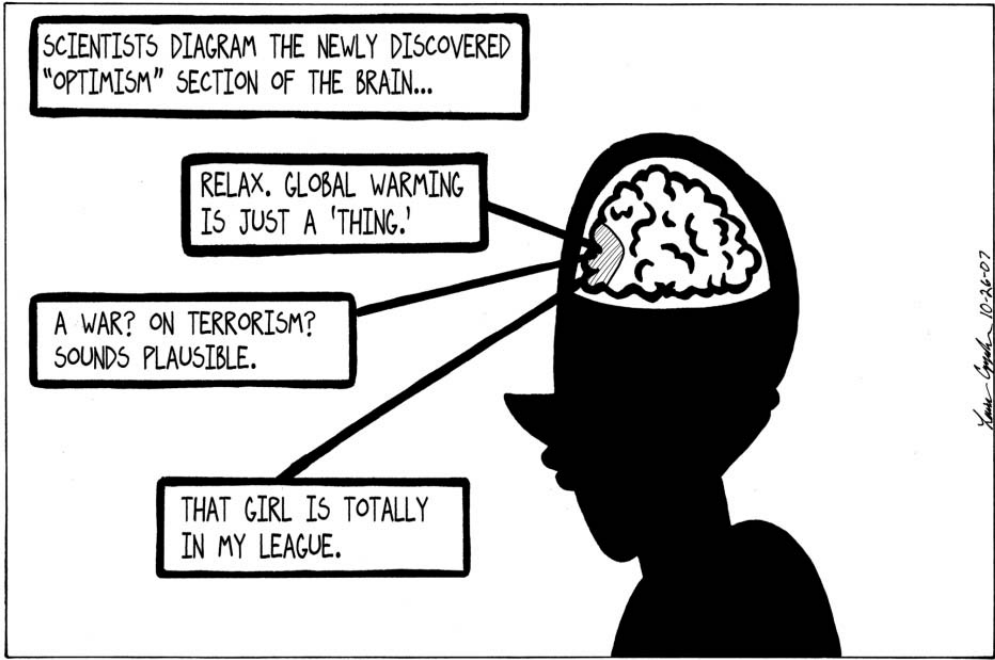
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HORS-CATEGORIE

FEMA disappoints America yet again

Staged ‘press conference’ evokes more skepticism with lack of real media

I truly hope to see a Federal Emergency Management Agency spokesperson on the news on April 1, announcing that the organization has been playing an enormous prank on the country for the past few years and hasn’t truly been as incompetent as we’ve been led to believe.

I hope that happens because the alternative, which is that FEMA actually does make enormous mistakes on an all too frequent basis, is unthinkable.

FEMA unforgivably botched aid in the wake of Hurricane Katrina. We still have not received an explanation why exactly a man with no experience in disaster management became the director. However, let’s put Katrina aside for now.

The incident that brought FEMA to my attention once again is much more recent. The fires in California fall directly into FEMA’s range of responsibilities. I have not heard any news about a severe mishandling of the wildfires and assumed that the organization has straightened up. No news about mistakes means no mistakes, right?



CAIT COSTELLO
First-year print journalism student

Last week, a F E M A news briefing explained the reason for the lack of bad news. It’s always easy to prevent bad news when you don’t have to put up with the questions from those pesky journalists.

Last minute notices were sent to reporters to inform them about the news conference, and the ones that couldn’t make it in time, which was all of them, could call in on listen-only phones. FEMA employees asked questions that would fit more into the rhythm of a Barbara Walters interview than a briefing by a federal agency.

According to FEMA’s deputy administrator, he did not realize that there were no reporters in the room until the “news conference” was already underway.

Normally, reporters bounce around in their seats and practically shout to gain attention to ask their question. The FEMA employees sat politely in their seats, waiting quietly for their turn. Though I’m sure the deputy

administrator would enjoy such a courteous encounter with the news, he must know how unlikely that is.

I find it unlikely that he did not think to speculate as to why there were no tough questions. Maybe when he called on an employee by name, he should’ve stopped to wonder why the employee was asking him a question.

A news conference is, by definition, for the news. You can’t brief the press when they aren’t there. Allowing employees to pose as reporters and ask questions during such an event is misleading to the public and violates every standard of ethics I can think of.

According to FEMA, this will never happen again because new guidelines have been mandated. Reporters must receive ample notice of a briefing, and employees are forbidden from posing questions.

I’m thoroughly concerned that this happened at all and can’t help asking a few questions of my own.

Why weren’t those rules in place before now? Do federal agencies have to be caught screwing up before they’ll follow ethical guidelines? And... how many times has this happened before?

IN YOUR OPINION

New ticket system needed after Monday

As I left the Russell House Monday morning, I saw the most interesting thing; a line, stretching as far as the eye could see, all the way from the Russell House to the Longstreet Theater, and all along the route, evidence of campsites, in the form of trash and litter everywhere.

While the students stood in line, USC groundskeepers were cleaning up their mess. Students had been camping out there since midnight to get a ticket.

As I write this, students are skipping class and risking hypothermia, all for a football ticket that will hopefully be a fond memory in a matter of few weeks.

I’m starting to regret my vote. A few weeks ago, USC administrators came before your student senate to ask whether or not we should have ticket distribution for the Florida game be a lottery.

We voted unanimously against such a lottery. We figured that its what the students want.

I’ve heard my share of complaints about a new online ticket distribution system, but it seems to me that no matter what kind of new system we put in place, we need something other than hypothermia and litter.

Any ideas?

Benjamin Bullock
Student Senator
Third year political science student

Leake misinterprets g&b protest article

I would like to clarify a few points that perhaps were misinterpreted in Tuesday’s column “Protest-free campuses something to celebrate” by Brad Leake.

In no way did Garnet & Black advocate or laud violent student protests.

The majority of the article centered on the rise and fall of activism and protests, not violence. We did not ‘bemoan’ the absence of protests, but rather looked at the cycle of student activism and sought to explain it. It is a disservice to editorialize what is a straightforward,

explanatory article.

The protests at USC were not led by just liberals.

As indicated in another photograph, there were protests in favor of the military and the Vietnam War. A sign in the photograph read ‘Stand up for your country, not against it.’

In addition, the protests were about more than the Vietnam War. The S.C. State protest was about civil rights and segregation. Last time I checked, that wasn’t a liberal anti-war issue.

A third of the column was dedicated to showing how unpatriotic Jane Fonda was, yet the Garnet & Black article never mentioned her once.

And what does John Kerry have to do with anything?

I’m glad he read the article and it provided some thought-provoking material. I just hope personal interpretations don’t cloud the message of the story.

Chelsea Hadaway
Editor in chief
Garnet & Black

Line cutting exhibits severe disrespect for fellow students

Line cutters can’t justify their actions, deserve highest form of penalty

I’ve had some strange roommates. I’m sure many of them share my sentiments. While I’ve also had numerous arguments with almost all of them, they were almost never personal in nature and usually purely for the purpose of arguing.

One roommate in particular would argue almost any political issue, even if we agreed 99.9% of the way.



JOSH RABON
Third-year finance student

Yesterday brought the longest awaited resolution to a disagreement he and I had ever had.

He was vehemently opposed to the death penalty for numerous reasons that are outside the scope of this column. I, as usual, agreed, but couldn’t understand his one exception: he wanted to reserve capital punishment for people who cut in line.

This may sound odd, but the logic is somewhat reasonable. There are circumstances that make murder understandable, but certainly never right nor acceptable. Some motives I can at least empathize with on some level.

For example, if someone killed your sibling or family member and you killed that person in arage of vengeance, I wouldn’t think that what you did was right, but I could understand why you did it.

Unfortunately, I cannot rationalize any such justification for cutting in line, no matter how hard I try.

The only real justification for cutting in line is, “I’m too good to wait in this line like all these other people.”

While I hope our society has some meritocratic values, waiting in line at Bojangles shouldn’t be an area of differentiation.

Maybe your time is more valuable than everyone else’s, and if you are just refueling before returning to your lab to cure cancer, by all means, jump right ahead of me.

If, however, you are just another student who likes to watch football like the rest of us, I would encourage you to wait in line – just like the rest of us.

It was somewhat disheartening to wait several hours for a ticket Monday only to see numerous people just jump in line.

It really isn’t that big of a deal, so no one got too excited about it. I’m not even that bothered, and I wrote a whole column about it.

That being said, why not show your fellow students the respect you would want? This isn’t reserved solely for cutting in line, but the general disregard for other people’s time exemplified yesterday was pretty pitiful.

We are all students together and USC would be a pretty sad place if we didn’t all show each other basic courtesies. One thing that we constantly point at to distinguish ourselves from other universities is the quality of our students, and jumping in line just won’t cut it.

“One can survive everything, nowadays, except death, and live down everything except a good reputation.” —Oscar Wilde



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The key to evaluating a music festival, like Voodoo in New Orleans, is to compare distance with bands you could see.

Enjoy weekend with concert tips

Festival lovers must keep eyes open, be cautious

Mark Killian
THE DAILY GAMECOCK

So you enjoy seeing your favorite bands live and it just so happens a large number of them will be playing at the same festival. Sounds like a blast, right? It certainly can be, but there are a few minor inconveniences you need to become acquainted with before submitting your credit card information to Ticketmaster.

First, ask yourself if the destination is really worth the journey. The best method for figuring out whether or not you should travel the distance required to attend the event is a simple inequality statement. For demonstrative purposes, let's say your concert is in New Orleans. The city is approximately 10 and a half hours away from Columbia. Let's label the transportation time as "T."

Taking "T" into consideration, add up the number of CDs you own by acts performing at the festival and tally up the amount of time each band is allotted to perform. For example, if you own at least one Rage Against the Machine album and they are expected to play for approximately two and a half hours, take that time and add it to the times of your other CD-bought bands. We will call the total time your bands will be on stage "B."

If "B" is greater than "T," or B > T, fill up your tank and purchase the largest container of Chex Mix Sam's Club has to offer, it's going to be a long drive.

Once you are at the concert, there are a few things you need to look out for. A keen eye could save you money, dignity or possibly even your life.

The first question you need to consider after passing through the loosely secured entrance is, "Am I subject to random drug screenings by a job, organization, probation officer or overly protective parents?" If you answered yes to that question, turn around immediately. No matter

where you are standing in the crowd, someone within ten yards of you will be smoking substances visible in a standard urine test.

If trace amounts of second-hand marijuana can put a damper on your future, stand as far away from the stage as possible or stop by an Army/Navy store and pick up a combat strength gas mask. Otherwise you are pretty much screwed.

Next, be aware of the people around you. Music festivals are just that, a festival. The number of sights to be seen is absolutely overwhelming. If you get too caught up in reading the dining options at every food kiosk, you may find yourself stumbling into a world record-setting hacky sack attempt.

Sure, you may be startled by the meeting of your face and the finely woven footbag, but hell hath no fury like a hacky-sacking hippy scorned. Apologize and move on. Their damaged short-term memory receptors will work in your favor as long as you remove yourself from their sight in less than 20 seconds.

It is also immensely important to familiarize yourself with your body's limitations. Acknowledge the fact that pain is harder to recognize after inadvertently subjecting yourself to several hours of second-hand narcotic smoke and the consumption of a couple adult beverages. When it feels like Walker Texas Ranger is karate-chopping your spine, grab a seat in a less crowded area or take a walk around the festival grounds.

Make sure to notice your surroundings. Whether you are searching for a cozy spot to dine on festival delicacies, or rocking out to one of your favorite musicians, be sure to keep one eye open at all times. What at first glance appears to be the perfect place to rest your weary feet could leave you with an embarrassing stain on the seat of your pants, forcing

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Bands comfort campus

Relient K, Switchfoot give support, push Gamecocks, wildfire victims to rebuild



ANDREA LUCAS
Second-year public relations student

Relient K and Switchfoot are performing at the Township Auditorium tonight in their tour titled "The Appetite for Construction."

Profits from ticket sales are going to Habitat for Humanity, a non-profit organization which seeks to eliminate poverty housing and homelessness and make decent shelter a matter of conscience and action.

Relient K and Switchfoot are two Christian/alternative pop bands that have collectively had five albums in the Billboard Top 20 charts over the past couple of years, and haven't toured together since 2001. As exciting of a tour that this is for both bands' massive fan bases, the bands realized their mutual respect for Habitat's cause and wanted to help.

With the recent wildfires destroying many parts of California, and the tragedy in Ocean Isle, N.C. killing seven college students, including six of our own, it's ironic to these two bands that their newest song they had co-written just a week ago is titled "Rebuild," and with the recent events in the news, thought it was ultimately the most appropriate song to play together at the end of their concert tonight here in Columbia.

As awesome as these artists are at what they do, it's very comforting that they would go the extra mile to make our community here at USC feel just a little



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Switchfoot and Relient K, two Christian/alternative pop bands, are set to take the stage tonight at the Township Auditorium here in Columbia. Tickets are \$27.50.

bit more cared about by the outside world, who may not feel as affected as we do here on this campus by the tragedy that struck so close to home.

"This song was written a few hours before [Relient K's] bus burned up, and we wrote it not knowing their bus would burn up or that our town would burn down," said Switchfoot singer and San Diego native Jon Foreman, describing the irony of the whole situation.

Foreman had just finished a Habitat building in San Diego and isn't even sure it's

still standing because of the wildfires spreading across the whole state.

Although these wildfires in California may seem so far away from us here in South Carolina, across the country is still just that—our country. Seeing that these artists made the effort to call us at The Daily Gamecock and make sure we were all doing okay and to let us know that they felt like we were included in the irony of their new song was very comforting.

The concert will be at the Township Auditorium

on Taylor Street at 7 p.m. and tickets will be \$24.50 Advanced and \$27.50 on the day of the show. See the Township Box Office at 803-576-2350, or all Ticketmasters and Publix stores for tickets.

No matter where you're from, everyone needs to rebuild at some point in their life, hopefully we can see you out there for a great concert with Relient K and Switchfoot, a Grammy nominated band, and of course a great cause to go along with a great night of entertainment.



MySpace co-founder lies about age

Everything is a lie. It's been suspected by many for quite some time, but this week, TechCrunch and Newsweek finally brought everything out into the open.

Tom, everyone's first friend on MySpace, the face of honest social networking on sites like MySpace and Facebook, lied about his age on his profile. That's right folks, Tom is a creeper.

According to the TechCrunch and a further article on Newsweek's Web site, MySpace co-founder Tom Anderson subtracted 5 years from the age listed on his profile. This means that his claim of helping found MySpace at the fresh age of 27 is a little bit off. Instead, he was probably 33, meaning that he'll soon turn 37.

Why does this matter? Well, it matters for a number of reasons actually. Firstly, there's just the problem that Tom is officially sketchy. Not that he was ever really cool (that picture on his profile is almost as annoying



TYLER MOBLEY
Third-year vis-com student

as the people who write friendly messages on his wall), but five years makes a difference.

At 37, he is officially one of those guys who friends girls whom he could father in order to look at their pictures. He is the average MySpace user's dad. I'm sorry, but Tom is creepy.

Of course, some might say that even a claim of 33 is creepy. This is true, but it rests on the idea that he helped found MySpace at the age of 27. The gap between 27 and his real founding age of 33 might as well be like the gap between 35 and 50. You sacrifice something at 30, namely your right to socialize with nubile teenagers. At least a 27-year-old can pretend that he went to college in his present age decade.

However, a larger issue is that the age tweak speaks to the nature of MySpace at large. By saying that Tom was 27 when the site was founded, MySpace appeals to a younger audience who feel like they are part of something. However, someone who is about to turn 37 is not creating a voice for his generation. He is lying to a generation in order to get them to buy into something.

Suddenly, the site that singularly identifies a large sector of the youth population is a marketing scheme.

Lastly, the age change is a reflection of the "revolutionary" social networking shift that has occurred on the Internet. Last year, Time Magazine named "You" the person of the year, claiming that the Internet was an amazing way for people to connect to the world around them.

However, if even the guy who created the new Internet paradigm is lying, what does that say for the rest of us? In this light, the social networking revolution is a new way for people to lie to each other. We're not reaching out to others across the globe. We're just all slapping on new personas and screwing with each other.

In all honesty, this probably doesn't matter as much as it seems. Tom is an old, creepy guy who wants to pretend that he's younger in order to make more money. Fine. Internet 2.0 is a nice way of saying "a revolutionary new way to bullshit." Fine. At least Mark Zuckerberg is an honest guy.

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| 6 Kanye West — Stronger | |

Busters tackle new myths

'Mythbusters' create fiery scheme, hit 90s television show makes it to DVD

Susan Young
The Associated Press

Really, does it get any cooler than testing out the classic cartoon joke involving a trail of gunpowder and a big explosion?

Not for "Mythbuster" Adam Savage, who deems this blow-up one of his favorites. You can't swing a comatose Sylvester without hitting a rerun of "Mythbusters" on Discovery Channel, but finding fresh episodes can be a challenge since the network rolls out a few at a time throughout the year. The good news is that fans can look forward to seven new episodes beginning Wednesday.

"We lit a line of gunpowder to a keg leading to an explosion," Savage says of the segment airing Wednesday. "It was one of the more minor explosions we've done on 'Mythbusters,' but more deeply satisfying from a cartoon perspective."

The series has gone beyond merely being a hit cable series. It's a cultural icon, based in co-host Jamie Hyneman's special effects studio on San Francisco. The No. 1 question the 'busters get asked is if they will ever run out of myths?

"We say we'll run out of ideas when people ever stop believing stupid things," Savage says. "We just finished one that has

confounded us our entire careers."

The episode, which airs in December, finds Savage and Hyneman tackling a question baffling everyone from bloggers to pilots: If a plane is traveling at takeoff speed on a conveyor belt, and that conveyor belt is matching the speed in reverse, can the plane take off?

"We put the plane on a quarter-mile conveyor belt and tested it out," says Savage about the experiment using a pilot and his Ultralight plane. "I won't tell you what the outcome was, but the pilot and his entire flight club got it wrong."

Savage often describes "Mythbusters" as "Jackass meets Mr. Wizard." And when you think about wacky stunts done on the show, Tory Belleci's name invariably pops up. On the Nov. 14 "Supersized" two-hour episode, Belleci will attempt to wakeboard from the back of a cruise ship.

Not, he says, the craziest thing he's had to do on the show. In fact, this season also has him testing out whether your pants can catch fire while being dragged behind a horse. Other seasons have seen him sticking his tongue onto a frozen pole and getting in a pen with a bull to see if the animal would indeed charge him because he was wearing a red outfit.

"When I was in the arena with the bull or with the crocodile, everything inside my body was saying don't do it, but you know you have to do it," Belleci says. "I feel like I spent my whole

life preparing for this job. I loved playing with fire and at 19 I was almost arrested for making a pipe bomb. Everything I used to get in trouble for I'm now doing as my job."

Both Belleci and Grant Imahara came to "Mythbusters" after working at Industrial Light and Magic.

"People always ask why I would leave ILM, and it's because 'Mythbusters' sounded like fun. Working on movies and TV is a blast, and ILM has the most talented people in the world," Imahara says. "But on 'Mythbusters' I've been able to go places I would never have access to otherwise."

Not only that, but Imahara says he believes "Mythbusters" just may be responsible for making nerds cool.

"Look at 'Heroes' and 'Numb3rs' and all these new shows coming out now and we were on the forefront," Imahara says. "The nerd is the protagonist, the hero. I worked at ILM the same time Masi Oka was there. Who would have thought that two Asian-American nerds from ILM would be on hit shows?"

Who can forget such memorable dialogue as high school sophomore Angela Chase saying, "My parents keep asking how school was. It's like saying, 'How was that drive-by shooting?' You don't care how it was. You're lucky to get out alive."

If you aren't already in line to get "My-So Called Life: The Complete Series," get thee to a store.



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"Mythbusters," which started its second season recently, tests urban myths with science.

Yes, we know the DVD series came out in 2002, but it was a mangled mess and undeserving of one of our favorite series of all time. This release by Shout! is worth every bit of the \$69.99 asking price, although we're sure you can pick it up at a discounted rate. Claire Danes starred as 15-year-old Angela Chase, the bright, talented high school

sophomore who turned a clear eye to her changing relationships with her parents. Her best friend was gay Rickie (Wilson Cruz), although the object of her affections was predictable: the beautiful Jordan Catalano (Jared Leto).

"I just like how he's always leaning against stuff. He leans great," Angela tells her friend Rayanne when

talking about having sex with Jordan. "Well, either sex or a conversation. Ideally both."

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you to walk around the rest of the day looking like you were bleeding out of your anus.

If you are not alert during certain performances, you may end up with an article of footwear embedded in the back of your head. Just

because Fall Out Boy is on stage and a majority of the audience is too young to buy a lottery ticket, it does not mean they are incapable of causing a concussion. It's surprising how much speed a five-foot tall 15-year-old picks up when surfed across the hands of a crowd.

Finally, take the time to

set up a budget. The people in charge of putting on the festival are well aware you will be on the grounds for a majority of the day. Why else would a bottle of water cost three dollars? Be sure to save enough money to account for overpriced merchandise, frivolous food expenditures, unavoidable ATM charge

and transportation fees. Otherwise you may find yourself hitchhiking your way back to Columbia with a sore back, blood shot eyes and an unbreakable oath to never attend a music festival again.

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Children and parents enjoy dressing up and trick-or-treating at Riverbanks 5th Annual Boo at the Zoo.

the scene at USC

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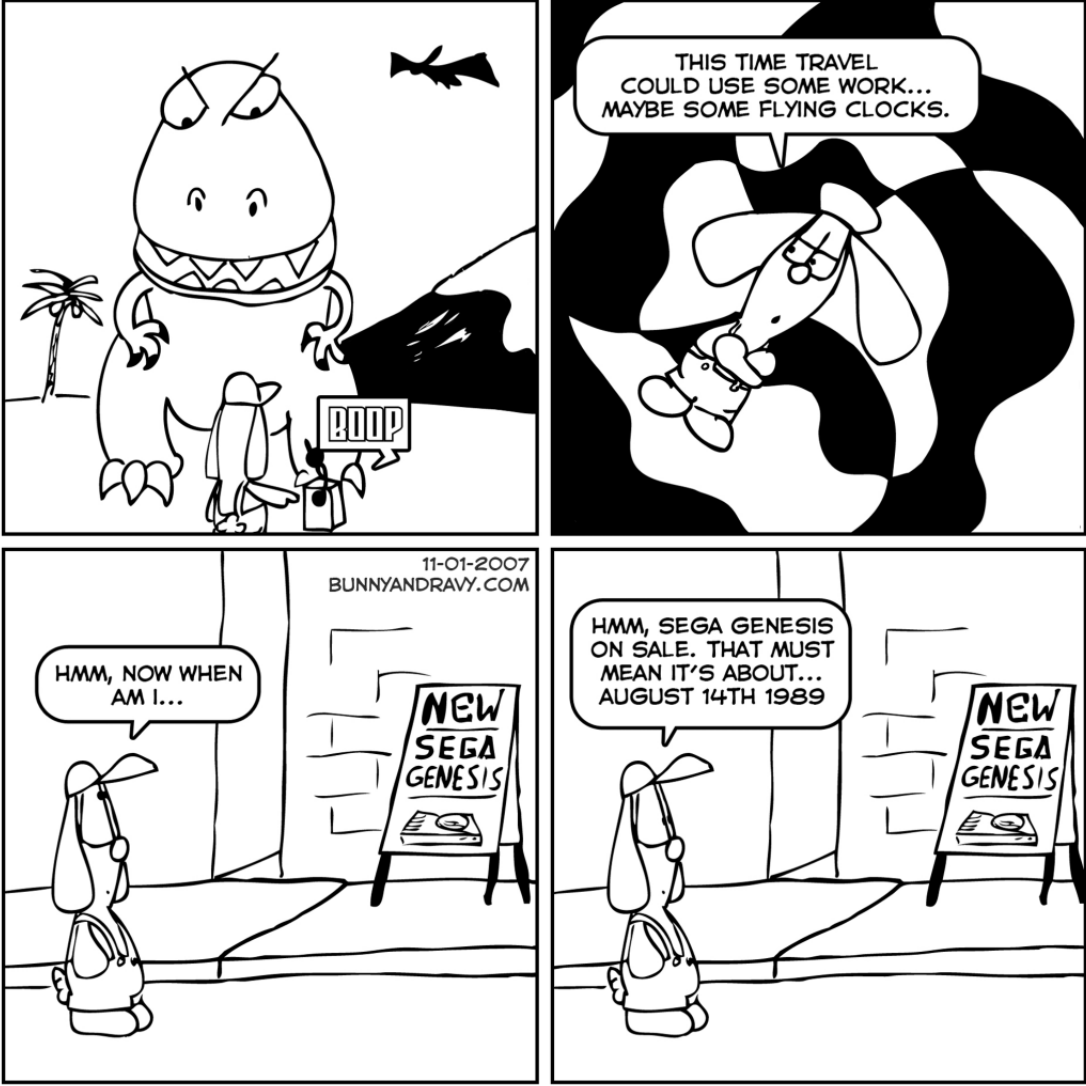
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Aries It’s a crazy world out there, Aries. That’s why it’s great to have a pet velociraptor. **Taurus** See how many times you can work the word “flaming underpants” into conversations today. The reason is obvious. **Gemini** There’s no sense in beating a dead horse, Gemini. Unless you’re very, very frustrated. **Cancer** The fluorescent lighting business will treat you well this week. Use the earnings to purchase a small, high-maintenance dog. **Leo** In a fit of charity, you will donate all of your trick-or-treat candy to the homeless... except the Snickers bars...and the Kit-Kats. **Virgo** Perhaps skinny-dipping wasn’t such a good idea last night. Especially in that guy’s septic tank. **Libra** Turns out there is an inverse relationship between your karma points and the number of crying children you have taunted in the supermarket. **Scorpio** Do it. **Sagittarius** If your country’s gross domestic product can only be expressed in Pico liters of bat droppings, it’s time for a move. **Capricorn** Your “Colonel Mustard did it” defense probably won’t hold up in court unless you can provide a bloodstained candlestick as evidence. **Aquarius** It may be detrimental to your chances to fill out your grad school application in purple crayon. Yellow exudes more professionalism. **Pisces** Black cats have been following you all day. It’s time to quit that job at the tuna canning plant.

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19 Legendary Brave southpaw
24 Ram's partner
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28 Civil War soldier, briefly
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Solutions from 10/31/07

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56 Brooding places
57 Bahrain ruler
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59 Lobster pot
60 Big budget item
62 From the start
63 Females of the species
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Gators look to chomp Carolina's season finale

Women's soccer can move into third place in division with Friday win

Michael Aguilar
STAFF WRITER

The women's soccer team has been fighting through a difficult schedule all season and they are finally seeing the true fruits of their labor. Carolina hasn't lost in six games and played two tough games over the weekend.

USC traveled to Baton Rouge on Thursday to face No. 20 LSU. Carolina battled a tough game until junior midfielder Danila Monteiro scored the tying goal with 3:40 remaining to send the game into overtime.

The Gamecocks have struggled in overtime this year, losing three of their four matches in overtime. Thursday night was a different story as Carolina went on to tie the Tigers and force a draw.

On Sunday the Gamecocks had a happy homecoming as they defeated Arkansas on the last home game of the season.

The Senior Day festivities were overshadowed by freshman forward Brooke Jacobs's lone goal of the game. The goal was also Jacobs's first goal of the season.

Jacobs' efforts in the two games went on to claim her SEC Freshman of the Week honors.

USC is now riding a six-game winning streak and is traveling to Gainesville for its final SEC game against the University of Florida.

The SEC is as strong as conferences come in regards to women's soccer and UF is no exception. The Gators boast a 7-2 SEC record and are riding a streak to rival South Carolina's. Florida started the SEC schedule with two losses but haven't dropped a game since.

Florida comes into the game with a staunch defense that is only allowing .59 goals per game. The defense



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Danila Monteiro celebrates with Cocky after the team's win over Arkansas on Sunday.

is led by sophomore Lauren Hyde and senior Shelley Lyle. The pair contains even the strongest opposing offenses.

The defense wouldn't be what it is without the combined goalkeeping of Meghan Berlingo and Katie Fraine. The two keep their goal strongly against all attacks and have combined to pitch ten shutouts.

This strong defense has been preparing to face off against the Gamecocks offense that is third in the league in scoring. The high-powered offense averages nearly two goals a game. It will need every bit of the team to work towards the Gator goal in order to get

by a strong defense.

The offense will depend on strong play from its leading offensive upperclassmen including Monteiro and seniors Darcel Mollon and Erin Sullivan. The three hold the one, two and three spots on the Gamecock roster in points and account for over half of Carolina's points on the season.

Of course, the Carolina defense is nothing to be looked over. The Gamecocks are tied for second in the SEC in goals allowed and are the sole owners of the second place spot in goals allowed per game.

That USC defense has also been led by the outstanding

play of two goalkeepers. Laura Armstrong and Lindsay Thorstenson have combined to an astounding .812 save percentage.

This game will have huge implications in the SEC East race, as a victory over Florida will lead to South Carolina taking over the third place position in the east and a better berth in the SEC Tournament. The winner of this game will avoid facing a high bid team in the first round and help its chances to move on in the tournament.

Friday's game kicks off at 6 p.m.

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Gamecocks, Hogs to do battle in SEC volleyball showdown

Women's volleyball wraps up homestand against Arkansas on Friday

Keith Locklear
THE DAILY GAMECOCK

After playing the Florida Gators on Wednesday night, the Gamecocks will host the Arkansas Razorbacks on Friday night.

Carolina enters the game with a record of 11-13 overall and a shot at still qualifying for the NCAA tournament after upsetting LSU this past weekend.

The Gamecocks need to win four of their six remaining matches in order to be eligible for postseason play. Carolina will also be looking to even the season series against Arkansas, after losing to the Razorbacks earlier this

season 3-0 (30-24, 30-28, 30-21).

The Razorbacks will come into Columbia with an overall record of 10-14 and an SEC record of 4-10 and looking for a win to put an end to their four-match losing streak. As a team, Arkansas is not dominant in any statistical category, but they still have plenty of individual talent on their team.

On offense, senior outside hitter Jessica Dorrell is ranked third in the SEC on the season, averaging 4.15 kills per game. In their match against Carolina earlier this season, Dorrell totaled 11 kills and three aces.

On defense, freshman middle back Sarah Freudenrich is second in the conference, averaging 1.49 blocks per game on the season. Freudenrich

had a big game against the Gamecocks earlier this season as well, leading her team with seven blocks in the match.

To defeat Arkansas, the Gamecocks will need to counter with some strong performances from their key players like sophomore outside hitter Ivana Kujundzic who is currently ranked 10th in kills in the SEC, averaging 3.46 kills per game. Kujundzic is coming off of a big weekend during which she totaled 38 kills in two matches against Mississippi and LSU.

Another player coming off a great weekend is freshman outside hitter Hannah Lawing, who was named SEC Defensive Player of the Week after recording 42 digs in Carolina's matches this past weekend.

Kujundzic, Lawing and

the rest of the Gamecocks should have plenty of motivation to play well against the Razorbacks, knowing that a victory would bring them one step closer to their goal of being eligible for postseason play.

The Gamecocks match against Arkansas will take place on Friday night at 7 p.m. at the Volleyball Competition Facility.

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Women's Volleyball

Last night, the Gamecocks

were swept 3-0 by

No. 10 Florida.

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football picks and predictions

If you think you know your stuff, submit your picks by Thursday for these games to gcksprts@gwm.sc.edu.

This week's games:

Arizona State at Oregon

LSU at Alabama

Michigan at Michigan State

Wisconsin at Ohio State

Wake Forest at Virginia

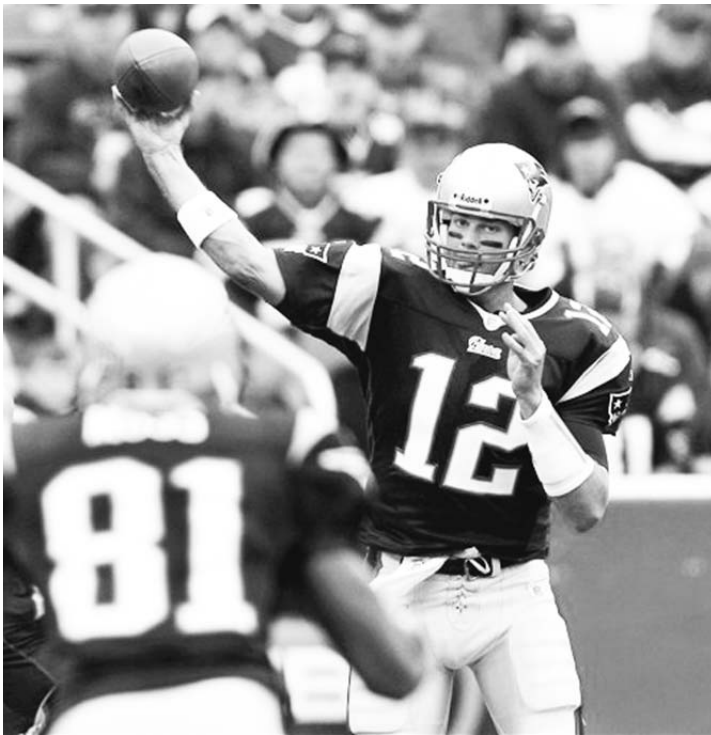
Vanderbilt at Florida

Nebraska at Kansas

Florida State at Boston College

Rutgers at Connecticut

South Carolina at Arkansas



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Tom Brady and the Patriots will face the Colts on Sunday.

Brady, Patriots face first tough challenge of season

New England Pats, Colts to play in matchup of undefeated teams Sunday

The Patriots will finally have someone to compete with this week.

So far this year, Coach Bill Belichick and New England's freakish offense have stomped every opponent in their path.

They beat all three teams in their division already and they have scored at least 34 points in every game this season.

Considering I'm a Redskins fan, I won't even comment on the thrashing they gave Washington this weekend.

Right now we are halfway through the season and Tom Brady has already thrown 30 touchdowns. THIRTY TOUCHDOWNS! He's on pace to smash Peyton's single-season record of 49.

And guess how many of those touchdowns Randy Moss has caught? 11. Congratulations to anyone who has Brady and Moss on your fantasy team, you just won the league.

But it's not just Moss. It's

the little powder keg Wes Welker who already has five more touchdowns than he did last year in Miami. It's linebacker Mike Vrabel who leads the defense with eight sacks and still manages to snag two touchdowns on offense. But really, it's Tom Brady.

Brady knows everything about every team. Remember earlier this season, when head coach Bill Belichick was disciplined by the league for videotaping the New York Jets coaching staff? I bet they have an entire library of tapes of all 31 teams somewhere in the Patriots laboratory.

But for one game this season the Patriots will have a certified challenger. Brady is about to square off against the only quarterback that he can possibly be compared to, Peyton Manning.

This Sunday, the two best teams in the country are going head to head as the Patriots travel to the RCA Dome in Indianapolis in what should be the best game of the year.

Last year the Colts edged out the Patriots 38-34 in the AFC Championship, which was the result of a late fourth quarter drive by Peyton. I think Brady didn't take too kindly to that loss and now he wants to prove that he is the best in the business.

But do New England fans really need another championship?

Weekend Sports Schedule

FRIDAY

Women's Soccer

at Florida, 6 p.m.

Women's Volleyball

vs. Arkansas, 7 p.m.
Volleyball Competition Facility

Women's Tennis

SEC Fall
Coaches Classic
Auburn, Ala.
All day

SATURDAY

Equestrian

vs. Georgia, 10 a.m.
One Wood Farm
(Blythewood)

Swimming and Diving

at Clemson, 2 p.m.

Women's Tennis

SEC Fall
Coaches Classic
Auburn, Ala.
All day

Football

at Arkansas, 8 p.m.
on ESPN2

SUNDAY

Men's Soccer

at Central Florida, 1 p.m.

Women's Golf

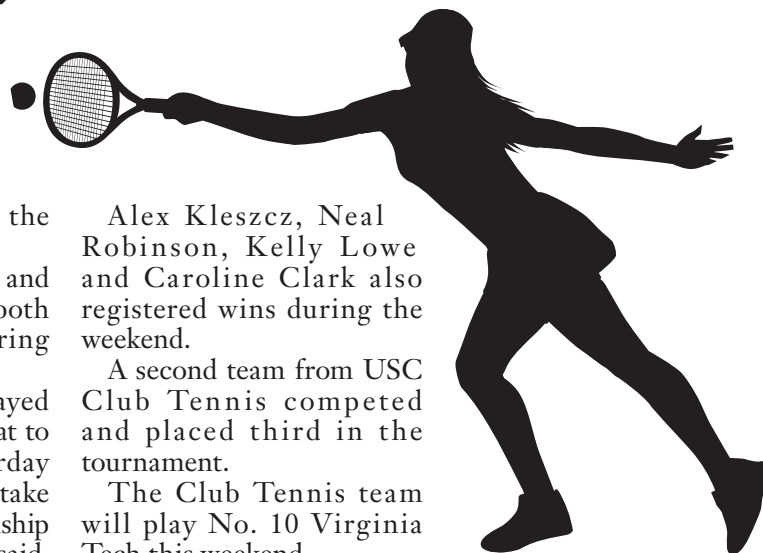
NGCA Match Play
Championship
Orlando, Fla.

Women's Tennis

SEC Fall
Coaches Classic
Auburn, Ala.
All day



USC CLUB SPORTS ROUNDUP



Club tennis gets early success with team win over Clemson

Ty Zeigler
THE DAILY GAMECOCK

The South Carolina Club Tennis team formed less than one year ago. Despite the club's infancy, the Gamecock club tennis team has been very successful.

Recently, the team

competed in the US Tennis Association South Carolina Championship in Charleston. They won the tournament, which lasted for a weekend, after defeating Clemson in the finals.

"To establish ourselves as the best team in South Carolina less than a year after our club's formation is a huge accomplishment," said Neal Robinson, club tennis team captain. "We still have a long way to go, but the goal

is to finish the year in the top 10 nationally."

Senior Ben McFarland and sophomore Jess Stripp both went undefeated in during the tournament.

"I think our team played well together, it was great to beat Clemson on Saturday and then come back and take them out in the championship on Sunday," McFarland said. "Both wins were definitely a step in the right direction for the program."

Alex Kleszcz, Neal Robinson, Kelly Lowe and Caroline Clark also registered wins during the weekend.

A second team from USC Club Tennis competed and placed third in the tournament.

The Club Tennis team will play No. 10 Virginia Tech this weekend.

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Former Gamecock wins pro-soccer award

Major League Soccer announced that former Gamecock Brad Guzan is the league's 2007 Panasonic Goalkeeper of the Year on Wednesday.

The 23-year-old is in his third professional season with the Chivas USA team and led the club to a 15-7-8 record for best in the Western Conference. Guzan, who was a two-time letter winner for the Gamecocks in 2002 and

2003, also led the league this season in shutouts (16) and was tied for second in wins (14).

Following his final season at USC, he was named a second-team All-American. In 2004, he was a semifinalist for the MAC Hermann Trophy and was one of Soccer America's 11 collegiate MVPs.

— Cory Burkhardt
Assistant Sports Editor



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Brad Guzan is now a goalie for the Chivas USA club.

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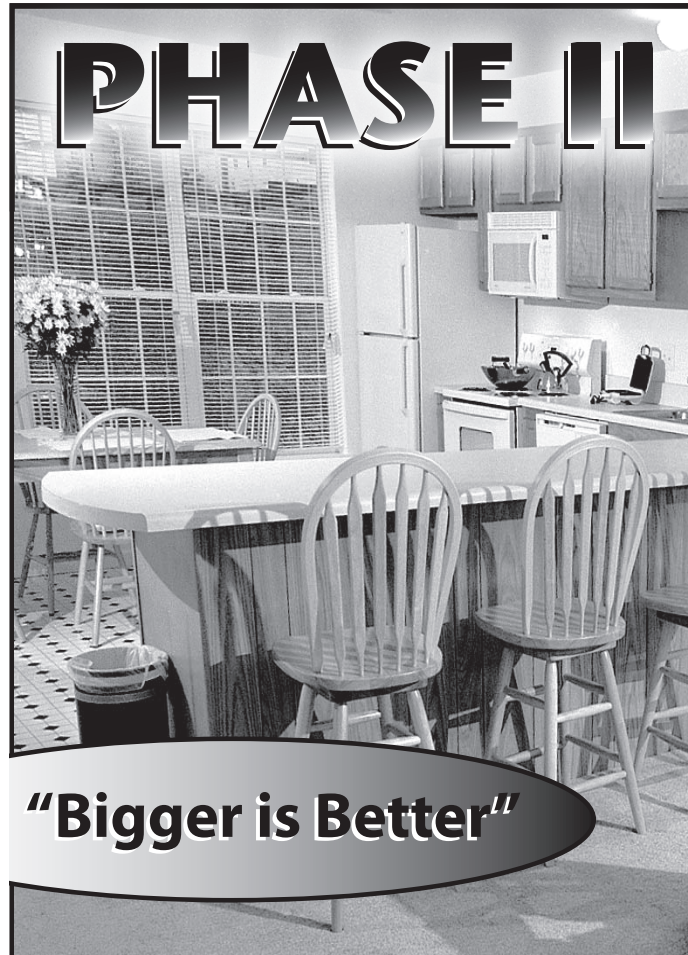


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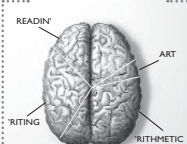
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